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HOUSE BILL NO. 1244

Introduced by: Representatives Juhnke, Begalka, Christensen, Deadrick (Thomas), Haverly, Heineman, Klaudt, Kraus, McCaulley, McCoy, O'Brien, Olson (Ryan), Peterson (Bill), Rounds, Schafer, and Weems and Senators Greenfield and Jaspers

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish the maximum number of poll watchers
2 permitted at primary or general elections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 12-18 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 No more than two poll watchers for each candidate, two poll watchers for each slate of
7 national convention delegates and alternates, or two poll watchers for each side of any ballot
8 issue to be voted on may be present at any polling place for a primary election. Each poll watcher
9 shall be a voter who is registered to vote in South Dakota.

10 Section 2. That chapter 12-18 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
11 follows:

12 No more than two poll watchers for each political party, two poll watchers for each
13 independent candidate, two poll watchers for each slate of presidential electors, or two poll
14 watchers for each side of any ballot issue to be voted on may be present at any polling place for



1 a general election. Each poll watcher shall be a voter who is registered to vote in South Dakota.

2 Section 3. That § 12-18-8.1 be repealed.

3 ~~12-18-8.1. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26~~

4 ~~setting the number of poll watchers which are allowed in each polling place.~~